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1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT KENYATTA HAS APPOINTED HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER, MISS MARGARET KENYATTA, TO BE THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA TO UNEP IS THE LATEST INDICATION OF INCREASING INTEREST ON THE PART OF MEMBERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT ORGANIZATION. PRIOR TO MISS KENYATTA'S APPOINTMENT, LIAISON BETWEEN UNEP AND GOK WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GEORGE MUHOHO (REFAIR) WHO DID NOT HAVE THE TITLE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER MISS KENYATTA WILL REMAIN IN HER POST AS MAYOR OF NAIROBI WHILE SERVING AS REPRESENTATIVE TO UNEP (SEE SEPTTEL)

2. IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR THE SOVIETS ACCREDITED THEIR AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, DR. B. P. MIRONSHNICHENKO, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNEP. THEY ALSO ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT MISSION TO UNEP WHICH IS HOUSED IN A SEPARATE VILLA SOME DISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET COMPOUND. IN ADDITION TO THE AMBASSADOR THE MISSION IS STAFFED BY A COUNSELOR OF MISSION, MR. N. DANILOV. TWO PROSPECTIVE MISSION STAFF MEMBERS ARE

CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED FOR KENYAN VISAS.

3. CHINA SHARES DISTINCTIONS WITH THE USSR OF HAVING THE ONLY PERMANENT MISSIONS SEPARATE FROM THEIR EMBASSIES, AND WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND NOW KENYA, OF BEING REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A BILATERAL AMBASSADOR. MR. CHU KE-PING, WHO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN MARCH, IS THE CHINESE PERMREP ASSISTED BY TWO ATTACHES OF MISSION, LIU YUNG-FA AND CHIANG CHINA-AN MARSHALL

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